(b) and (c) 26 schemes are in pipeline and details of these schemes are indicated in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 162]. While Five schemes are likely to be finalised shortly, the remaining schemes can be considered by HUDCO only after compliance of outstanding ^requirements is received from the agencies involved.

(d) The assistance is open for all categories of houses such as EWS, LIG, MIG and HIG.

(e) No definite percentage has been earmarked for families living below the poverty line or for members belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. However, the Government has prescribed that a minimum of 55 pe'r cent of HUDCO's loan sanctions should be in favour of the Economically Weaker Sections and Low Income Groups and this is ensured by HUDCO every year.

Mini Steel Plants in Madhya Pradesh

3832. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of mini-steel plants functioning in Madhya Pradesh at present and how many are lying idle or are closed;

(b) whether any assessment has been made of the functioning of these plants, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the causes of mal functioning of mini-steel plants have since been identified, if so, whether Government propose to take any re medial action in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) There are 12 mini steel plants installed in Madhya Pradesh. Out of these, at present 8 are functioning and 4 are closed.

(h) No, Sir.

(c) A large number of mini steel plants in the country suffer from technological obsolescence. In addition mini steel plants have represented that they are facing problems due to shortage of power and the high price of inputs. Government have decided to allow expansion of mini steel plants which undertake modernisation. Government have also reduced the customs duty on imported scrap by 5 per cent *ad. valorem* with effect from 4th December 1986. The supply of power to different categories of consumers is determined by the State Electricity Boards.

Government-owned agriculture farms in M.P.

3833. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of agriculture farms in Madhya Pradesh which are owned and managed by the Central Government, I. C. A. R. or any other Central Government agency and where they are located;

(b) what was the annual income and expenditure from each of these farms during the last three years;

(c) what other useful research and development work is being done in these farms; and

(d) whether any complaints of mismanagement and corruption have been received regarding any of these farms, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL-TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sale of Carbendazim 50 per cent WP by M/s. Basf India Limited

3834. SHRI M. A. BABY: with the Mm. ster of AGRICULTURE be nleas-